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The <u>Literacy Council of Frederick County</u> provides adults with pathways to essential literacy skills. Success for the individuals and families we seek to serve rests on a collective community approach.

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LEARNER Spotlight

Celebration Event Honors Student Achievements



The Literacy Council held its 9th Celebration of Achievements event on November 2nd at the Delaplaine Arts Center, a joyful occasion recognizing our adult learners who

completed classes and accomplished milestones this past year, recognizing this year's Business & Industry Partner in Literacy Award, and honoring two amazing volunteers (see this month's Volunteer Spotlight).

The evening was enjoyed by students and their families, volunteer tutors and class instructors, and guests who were present to pay tribute. Sharon Jacko, Board President and Master of Ceremonies, reflected on the organization's sixty years of program impact and anniversary highlights, captured in this 60th Anniversary Slideshow.

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Elizabeth H. Seligmann Award Presented to Volunteers

Literacy Council volunteer tutors George Conly and Martin Cole were the recipients of the prestigious Elizabeth H. Seligmann Award presented at the Annual Celebration of Achievements ceremony on Nov. 2.

They were honored for their many years of dedication and accomplishments that have helped to further the Literacy Council's literacy programs over the years.



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Seeking Candidates for Program Coordinator and Office/Program Administrator Openings



We are recruiting candidates for a full-time **Program Coordinator** and part-time **Office/Program Administrator** to support our tutoring, community class and parent literacy programs, and to work with local hospitality and other businesses to provide workplace English classes, as well as **ESL Workplace Instructors**.

We are seeking candidates who are interested in joining a team of nonprofit professional staff and volunteers who are dedicated to supporting adult basic education and literacy programs for a diverse community of adult learners and their families in Frederick County.

Does this sound like you or someone you know?

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UPCOMING Events

Thank You for Joining Us This GivingTuesday!

We did it! This GivingTuesday, our community united to help us meet our goal! This will go towards providing tutoring, community classes, programs, and learning materials, which help adult learners in Frederick County gain literacy skills so that they can reach their goals and meet their potential.

On behalf of our staff, board, and the community we serve, we thank you for supporting us this Giving Tuesday and helping to ensure that we may serve even more adult learners through the GI**WING** TUESDAY

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pathways we provide for essential literacy skills.

If you haven't had a chance to make a gift, don't worry! We are still accepting donations, so make one <u>now</u> and join us in showing that *Literacy Lifts Lives!*

With gratitude,

Laurie Fisher

Laurie Fisher
Executive Director

Ready to make a contribution to support adult literacy programs?

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Holiday Book Drive

Holiday Book Drive November 3 - December 22

This holiday season the Literacy Council is partnering with <u>ACNB Bank</u> and <u>Curious</u> <u>Iguana</u> for our 17th Annual Holiday Book Drive to provide new and gently-used books for elementary school aged children.

Donated unwrapped books can be dropped off at these ACNB Bank locations (Nov. 3 - Dec. 20):

- 2 North on the Square: 2 North Market Street. Frederick, MD 21701
- Aspen Ridge: 165A Thomas Johnson Drive, Frederick, MD 21702
- Crestwood: 6910 Crestwood Boulevard, Frederick, MD 21703

Walkersville: 200 Commerce Drive, Walkersville, MD 21793

Books can be purchased from Curious Iguana in downtown Frederick, 12 N. Market Street (please designate the Council's Holiday Book Drive) or you can shop online through their <u>Bookshop link to browse a collection of recommended children's titles selected for this year's Book Drive</u>. Books can be delivered to your home or directly to the Literacy Council (mailing address: Literacy Council of Frederick County, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701).

Help spread the word! Share this Holiday Book Drive flyer!

Learn More Here

Recruiting Volunteer Tutors and Community Class Instructors



Join the Literacy Council to help adults in our community gain literacy skills! We are recruiting **volunteer tutors** to work with adults one-to-one or in small groups. You do not need previous experience. We will give you the training and teaching materials you need! We are also seeking **volunteer class instructors** with ESL teaching experience for our growing community class program. Tutoring and classes are conducted in person as well as virtual formats.

Congratulations to our recent Tutor Training

Workshop Graduates!

For upcoming Volunteer Information Sessions and Tutor Training Workshops, check out our Winter Volunteer Training Schedule. Please register HERE or contact us at: info@frederickliteracy.org. We have just added more sessions and workshops for the winter!

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Attendance of a Volunteer Information Session (via Zoom) is required prior to registering for our Tutor Training Workshop.

Attend a Training Workshop for Tutors

Tuesday & Thursday, January 16 & 18, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.and Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions) Virtual OR

Monday & Wednesday, February 26 & 28, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.and Monday, March 4, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions) *Virtual*

If you are interested in more information about teaching a class, following attendance at a Volunteer Information Session, contact the Literacy Council at info@frederickliteracy.org. Orientations are conducted for instructors in preparation for upcoming class sessions.

Register for a Volunteer Info Session Today

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The Gift of Literacy: Ways to Give

Thank you for considering a gift to the Literacy Council! Your financial contribution supports critical adult literacy programs in our community!

- Gifts can be made in cash or online with a credit card.
- Become an event sponsor.
- Gifts of Appreciated Securities can provide tax advantages.
- Retirement Plan Giving for those age 70½ and over may provide substantial tax benefits.
- Consider a <u>Planned Gift</u> to the Literacy Council.
- Contribute to <u>The Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund</u>.
- Our <u>Giving Societies</u> are special charitable opportunities to champion the Literacy Council's mission.
- Access our <u>Annual Reports/Newsletters</u>.

Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org



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